

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 13, 2004. Claims 1-20 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 were examined, Claims 1-17 were allowed. Claims 18-20 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim rejections-35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mcfarland et al. USPN 5,408,526 in view of Balaz USPN 6,427,008. Claims 18-20 have been canceled.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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